

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-19-96

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | State Law Change                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Federal Law or Regulation<br>Change                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Court Order or Settlement<br>Agreement             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Clarification requested by<br>One or More Counties |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Initiated by CDSS                                  |

SUBJECT: SERVING CUBAN AND HAITIAN PUBLIC INTEREST PAROLEES IN THE REFUGEE PROGRAM

This notice is to clarify the eligibility of a certain group of Cuban/Haitian parolees for benefits and services funded under the Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212 as amended in 1982 and 1986).

In accordance with the Office of Resettlement ORR letter #94-22, Cuban and Haitian nationals coming into the United States (U.S.) from Guantanamo and Havana who have been admitted under authority granted to the U.S. Attorney General contained in Section 212(d)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and special presidential protocol are eligible for Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance programs on the same basis as refugees. This particular group of eligible Cubans and Haitians are special status Public Interest Parolee (PIP) admissions as provided for under the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 and special presidential protocol.

Cubans and Haitians admitted under this special status will have I-94 cards stamped with the words "Public Interest Parolee per Presidential policy dated 10/14/94". This specific category of PIPs should not be confused with other ineligible PIPs whose I-94 cards do not have the special stamp.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Mr. Robert A. Barton, Chief, Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) 654-6379.

Sincerely,

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